FORM NLRB-501 (2-18)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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Case	Date Filed		
19-CA-247666	9/5/2019		

INSTRUCTIONS:

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in	which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occur	ring.
1. EMPL	OYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT	
a. Name of Employer Fred Meyer, Inc		b. Tel. No. 503-797-7905
		c. Cell No.
	La Farelance Developmentative	f. Fax. No. 503-797-7770
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code)	e. Employer Representative	g. e-mail
3800 SE 22nd Ave. Portland, OR 97242	Sean Hammond, Director of Labor Relations	
		h. Number of workers employed Approximately 7000
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)	j. Identify principal product or service	
Grocery and non-food retail stores	Food and non-food products	
The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaged		
(list subsections) (5)		Relations Act, and thest unfair labor
practices are practices affecting commerce within the mea	aning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices affecting	commerce within the meaning of
the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.	to fall for the second that the allege of the first terms of the first	
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Full name of national or international labor organization	of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in	when charge is filed by a labor organization)
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	ARATION	Tel. No.
I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.		503-598-6346
How I Bully	John Bishop, General Counsel	Office, if any, Cell No.
(signature of representative or person making charge)	(Print/type name and title or office, if any)	Fax No.
7095 SW Sandburg St., Tigard, OR 9722	3	e-mail
Address	Date 9-04-2019	- jbishop@ufcw555.org

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ATTACHMENT A

Charging Party is the exclusive collective bargaining representative for all employees referenced in the itemized list below. Beginning on or around August 29, 2019, the employer, through its managers, supervisors and/or agents, has violated the Act by:

- Conducting individual, one-on-one and/or small group interviews with employees for the purpose of threatening, intimidating and coercing the employees to convince them not to engage in protected concerted activities and not to support their Union;
- Misinforming and lying to employees in order to interfere directly with the employees' relationship to their Union and to discourage employees from supporting their Union;
- Dealing directly with employees over contract modification issues rather than with the employees' designated representatives for collective bargaining negotiations;
- Threatening employees with the loss of their jobs, pay and/or benefits to coerce them
 not to engage in protected concerted activities and to discourage them from supporting
 or remaining as members of their Union;
- Polling and interrogating employees to determine whether they supported the Union's goals in collective bargaining negotiations and whether they would support plans for employees to engage in protected concerted activities; and
- 6. Engaging in other intimidating and coercive acts as yet to be alleged, as Charging Party's investigation into this matter has not yet been completed.

The foregoing acts were committed by the employer, through its managers, supervisors and/or agents at the employer's stores in various locations within the Charging Party's jurisdiction which includes the state of Oregon and southwestern Washington.



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September 5, 2019

Sean Hammond, Director of Labor Relations Fred Meyer, Inc. 3800 SE 22nd Ave Portland, OR 97202-2918

> Re: Fred Meyer, Inc. Case 19-CA-247666

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RONALD K. HOOKS Regional Director

By:

JESSICA DIETZ Officer in Charge

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Re: Fred Meyer, Inc.

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Portland, OR 97242	Director of Labor Relations	h. Number of workers employed			
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Grocery and non-food retail stores	Food and non-food products				
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- By unilaterally changing the terms and conditions of employment for employees working in coffee and tea kiosks located in employer's retail grocery stores, without notifying Charging Party or negotiating such changes with the Charging Party; and
- By refusing to respond to Charging Party's specific requests for information related to the changes in terms and conditions of employment that the employer has apparently implemented.

Upon information and belief, the foregoing acts were committed by the employer, through its managers, supervisors and/or agents at the employer's stores in various locations within the Charging Party's jurisdiction which includes the state of Oregon and southwestern Washington.



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Fred Meyer, Inc.			4c. Fax No. 4d. e-Ma		-	
		(503) 691-1717				
5. Location of Plant involved (street, city, state,	and ZIP code)		Employer representative to contact			
3030 NE Weidler St., Portland, OR	3030 NE Weidler St., Portland, OR 97232		Cody Tite, Operations Manager			
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WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001) PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary, however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.



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September 23, 2019

Rene Miller, Union Representative United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 555 7095 SW Sandburg Street Tigard, OR 97223-8011

Re: United Food and Commercial Workers,

Local 555 (Fred Meyer, Inc.)

Case 19-CB-248700

Dear Ms. Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

<u>Investigator</u>: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner Michael Steffany whose telephone number is (503)326-3166.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not

enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

We will not honor any request to place limitations on our use of position statements or evidence beyond those prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Records Act. Thus, we will not honor any claim of confidentiality except as provided by Exemption 4 of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(4), and any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at any hearing before an administrative law judge. We are also required by the Federal Records Act to keep copies of documents gathered in our investigation for some years after a case closes. Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose such records in closed cases upon request, unless there is an applicable exemption. Examples of those exemptions are those that protect confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

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Very truly yours,

RONALD K. HOOKS Regional Director

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Enclosure: Copy of Charge





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Re: United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 555 (Fred Meyer, Inc.)

Case 19-CB-248700

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

The charge that you filed in this case on September 23, 2019 has been docketed as case number 19-CB-248700. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

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<u>Presentation of Your Evidence</u>: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

<u>Preservation of all Potential Evidence:</u> Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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September 23, 2019

Cody Tite, Operations Manager Fred Meyer, Inc. 3030 NE Weidler Street Portland, OR 97232-1851

Re: United Food and Commercial Workers,

Local 555 (Fred Meyer, Inc.)

Case 19-CB-248700

Dear Mr. Tite:

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. Although this charge is not filed against you, it is necessary for us to obtain information from you to determine whether we have jurisdiction over this case. In the future we may also need to obtain evidence from you concerning the merits of the charge. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

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If, during the investigation of this matter, the Board agent asks for evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to promptly present all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case may be fully investigated more quickly.

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